

Rev. Dr. Kevin W. Cosby

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Reverend Dr. Kevin W. Cosby earned a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Since 1979, Dr. Cosby has served as Senior Pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville, KY.

In 1997, Dr. Cosby encouraged the church to purchase and convert the original four-acre campus of Simmons University (now Simmons College of Kentucky), to be used as a lifestyle enrichment campus. The campus was once home to Simmons University, the oldest black-owned and operated educational institution in the state of Kentucky, but had been lost to foreclosure during the Great Depression. In 2005, Dr. Cosby was named the 13th President of Simmons and in 2007, he led the institution back to its original campus. Under his leadership, Simmons College of Kentucky was accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education in early 2014.

He has held administrative and teaching assignments at Kentucky State University, the University of Louisville, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary. Additionally, his exceptional oratory skills have produced lecture engagements at universities and institutions around the world, including Harvard University. Further, he serves as a member of the University of Louisville's board of trustees.

Dr. Cosby has authored four highly acclaimed books. Additionally, he has been a contributing writer to a number of books, journals and periodicals.



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